

**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, February 25,  
1803, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Washington Feb. 25. 1803

Dear Sir

I inclose you another letter for Mr. Capede keeper of the National cabinet. I have not superscribed the titles of the gentlemen on my letters, because I know them not. Perhaps some apology may be necessary for this omission. Congress have passe the two million bill, you will receive by this mail your last dispatches. Others will follow you about the 2d week of April before which time I shall be returned from Monticello. I set out for that place on the 5th of March. Congress has given authority for exploring the Mississippi, which however is order to be secret. This will employ about 10 persons two years. Present my friends respects to Mrs. Monroe & Eliza, and accept my best wishes for a pleasant voyage, happy result, and assurances of my constant & affectionate attachmentTh. Jefferson

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